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In re Application of:

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For: CARBONACEOUS REFRACTORY MATERIAL
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
CARBONACEOUS REFRACTORY MATERIAL

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 3. (Amended) The carbonaceous refractory material in the first claim, where the X-
2 ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the Ti_3O_5 to the face (111) of
3 titanium carbide is 1 % or less.

Please add the following newly-drafted Claim 6.

1 6. (New). The carbonaceous refractory material in the second claim, where the X-
2 ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the Ti_3O_5 to the face (111) of
3 titanium carbide is 1 % or less.

REMARKS

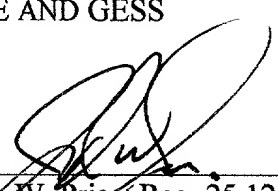
The amendments to the claims are to remove multiple dependencies.

Newly drafted Claim 6 is within the scope of the original invention and do not add any new subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

1 3. (Amended) The carbonaceous refractory material in the first [or second] claim,
2 where the X-ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the Ti_3O_5 to the face
3 (111) of titanium carbide is 1 % or less.

New Claim 6 has been added.

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